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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ There were differences in interpretation regarding the drawing of increments before the Government Order of 4th February 1925 but not after that date.”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ Was there any Government order at any time specifically prohibiting the grant of increments to unpassed clerks ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ In the sense that we did not prohibit the grant of anything to any person not entitled to it ? ”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ No, Sir. I wish to know whether there was any Government order instructing heads of departments not to give increments to unpassed clerks at any time ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Sir, when you are not empowered to give any increment to unpassed clerks it is not necessary to say that you should not do so.”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ Is there any rule which prevents heads of departments granting increments to unpassed clerks who have been exempted from the examination rules ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ If they are exempted, the bar is removed. I do not follow the question.”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ Exempted from passing the examinations ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ If the man is exempted, the bar is removed and he is entitled to get any promotion just as any passed clerk.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ What about clerks appointed at the time when no exemption was needed at all ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I am not aware of any such period.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ There was a time when the rule that unpassed clerks should be exempted before being appointed, was not in operation ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ That is information to me, Sir.”

### Village Establishments.

#### *Instructions regarding restoration of village officers.*

\* 2277 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether instructions have been issued to all District Collectors with reference to the restoration of village officers and, if so, whether a copy of the instructions will be placed on the table ; and

(b) how many village officers have been re-registered and reappointed (till the end of May 1926) ?

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A.—(a) & (b) The Madras Village Officers' Restoration Act became law on the 6th July 1926. The action taken to divide villages grouped and to restore abolished offices will be published in due course.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Sir, the answer is ‘the action taken will be published in due course’. May I know whether action will be taken by the end of this official year? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ We hope so, Sir. But as the hon. Member is aware, the Act provides several periods of notice and appeal and so we cannot say it will be completed before the end of the year. We will do it as soon as possible.”

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—“ Did the Government issue any order with reference to monigars and assistant karnams who were thrown out of employment by the regrouping? There seems to be some doubt in the minds of the Collectors as to whether they should be restored or not. I wish to know whether the matter was brought to the notice of the Government and whether they have issued orders with reference to monigars and assistant karnams? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I should like to have notice.”

*Village officers' power of making endorsements on darkhast petitions.*

\* 2278 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of withdrawing the power of making endorsements from the village officials, viz., monigars and karnams, on darkhast petitions with reference to several resolutions passed and submitted to the Government in several districts by the depressed classes; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not think that reports from the village officers in darkhast cases can be dispensed with.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to clause (b) may I know whether there is any harm in asking for particulars only from the village officials as far as darkhast petitions are concerned? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Order, order. That is a question asking for no information.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Are the Government aware that village officers do not generally recommend the grant of darkhast lands unless they are paid something? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That question is out of order.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know if there is any harm in taking away the power of making endorsements on darkhast petitions by village officers since there are other officials above them? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The village officer is in the best position to give the necessary information on the matter.”